Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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Reverend Yvon J. Royer
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Richard G. Lavalley
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802-655-2600

Director of Faith Formation
Andrew Coulter
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Our Lady of Providence
Residential Care Facility
802 -655-2395

St. Vincent de Paul Center
Open 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Tuesdays and Thursdays
802-655 - 3006

Weekend Masses
Saturday : 4:00 PM
Sunday : 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday : 8:00 AM
And During Lent 6:45 AM (M, W, F)
And 5:30 PM (T, T)

Adoration
Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 PM (Confessions)
Tuesday 8:30 to 9:30 AM

Confessions
Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 PM
Sunday 10:00 to 10:30 AM

Baptisms
Parent classes required. Please call the rectory for more information.

Marriage
Plan six months in advance.
Contact the rectory. Attend Pre-Cana classes

Registration
New parishioners and newly married couples should register by calling the rectory as soon as possible.
802-655 –2290

School telephone numbers

School	After School
802-655-2600	**802-655-4660**

School Website: www.SFXVT.org

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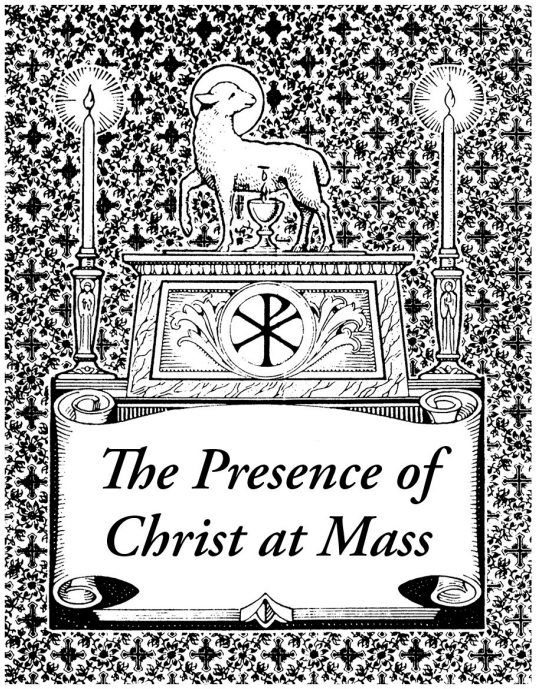
NEWS FROM
The Inland See
March 18–24, 2023
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



I love the gift of the Mass! We often hear the phrase that "Christ is present in the Mass," and when we do hear this, our minds often, and rightfully, go to the Eucharist. Jesus Christ is truly present in the consecrated bread and wine at Mass in a substantial and sacramental way. This Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is a truly miraculous event that occurs on our altars each and every day, and we have the opportunity — the invitation — to witness and receive this miracle when we attend Mass. The Eucharist is evidence of God's love for us. Jesus is truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharistic species.

But God's love for us is superabundant. This word has particular meaning in theology, but I want to use this word in a particular way in relation to the Mass. The Mass is the evidence of God's superabundant love for us because in the Mass we encounter Jesus Christ not only in the Eucharist but in other ways as well. Christ's presence is preeminent in the Eucharist — because the Eucharist is His body and blood, soul and divinity. But Christ is also present in the Mass through the Word of God proclaimed in the midst of the assembly, in the person of the priest and in the gathered assembly itself.

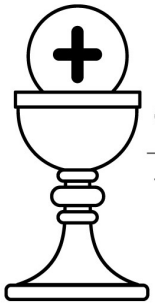
In the Word proclaimed. Christ is present in the Word proclaimed at Mass and in the sacraments. "Christ is present in his word; as he carries out the mystery of salvation, he sanctifies humanity and offers the Father perfect worship" (Introduction to Lectionary for Mass 4). I liken the encounter with the Word of God at Mass to coming to receive communion. There is an encounter between the communion minister and the communicant at which there is an exchange — the giving and receiving of a gift, if you will. In this exchange, both minister and recipient encounter the presence of Christ. Likewise, in the act of proclaiming and hearing the Word of God at Mass, we find the presence of Christ in an exchange of the gift of His Word.

In the person of the priest. We see at the altar the priest, standing in the person of Christ who says, "This is my body. This is my blood." In the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest offers the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, made present on the altar, as Christ did when He offered Himself as a sacrifice for us on the cross. The priest stands in the person of Christ and does what Christ does in offering the Eucharist. The priest also leads us in prayer to the Father as Christ leads us to the Father. In the person of the priest, we encounter the very presence of Christ.

In the gathered assembly. Christ is present "when the Church prays and sings, for He promised "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt 18:20) (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy 7). We encounter Christ in the others who pray with us. In fact, another name for the gathered Church is the Body of Christ.

May we give gratitude to God for the Mass and for the superabundance of His love. He wishes to be with us in multiple ways in the Mass. Let us be open to His invitation of encounter with God at Mass: in the word proclaimed, in the person of the priest, in the gathered assembly and most especially in the Most Holy Eucharist.

— Josh Perry is director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Burlington.



Eucharistic TESTIMONIALS

Submit your Eucharistic Testimonial to:
revival@vermontcatholic.org

"During the Mass, I feel very close to my heavenly Father and my spiritual sisters and brothers and I know that Jesus will be among us in the consecration and pray with us the 'Our Father.' It is always amazing to be in touch with our spiritual family."

— Capitoline Nyirambarubukeye
Parishioner at Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington

Upcoming Events

03|21, 28 TUESDAYS
Taize Prayer
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
5:30 - 6:00 pm
Taize Prayer will be offered weekly on Tuesday evenings during Lent, beginning on Feb. 28 and ending on March 28. Taize is a village in France that is home to an ecumenical community of religious brothers who sing, fast and perform acts of charity throughout the world. The service will last about 30 minutes.

03|21 TUESDAY
Fertility Care and the Catholic Church
St. Ann, Milton • 6:45 - 8:45 pm
Join us for a Lay Formation Project Presentation focusing in on God's design for our bodies and why understanding our own fertility (for both men and women) is important in living out a faithful, fruitful, and holy life. For questions, please contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org.

03|21, 28, 04|04 TUESDAYS
Come Pray with Us
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston
7:30 - 8:30 pm
Begins with Eucharistic Adoration after Mass, followed by group prayer at 7:50 PM, concludes with Benediction.

03|22, 29, 04|12, 19, 26
Contemplative Prayer Series
Holy Family-St. Lawrence Parish Center, Essex Jct. • 9:15 - 10:15 am
Join us for this series led by Louise Boisvert, a member of Notre Dame de Vie, a Secular Institute, founded in the 20th century by Blessed Marie Eugene of the Child Jesus, a carmelite father. Silent prayer is not well known to the general public and yet we are all called to it through the grace of our baptism.

03|22 WEDNESDAYS
The Chosen Season 2
St. Elizabeth, Lydonville • 6 - 8 pm
Join us for Season 2 of *The Chosen* at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Lyndonville. You are invited to join in this second season as we continue to journey through the life of Jesus in this multi-season TV show.

03|22, 29 WEDNESDAYS
Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist
via Zoom • 7 - 8:30 pm
Join Christ Our Savior Parish for this weekly Lenten seminar. For information and to register: presencecosp@gmail.com.

03|23 THURSDAY
Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom Struggle
Saint Michael's College, Colchester • 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Dr. Shannen Dee Williams, Associate Professor of History at Dayton University, will deliver a lecture on her research about the involvement of Black Catholic nuns in the Civil Rights Movement. The lecture will take place in the Farrell Room of Saint Edmund's Hall (third floor) at the college. Open to all.

03|23 THURSDAYS
Lenten Series
Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Come join Fr. Gratton as we learn about Eucharistic miracles, marian apparitions, and inspiring saints throughout Lent. We begin with Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm, followed by a free meal provided by the KofC Council #14351 (please bring potluck sides), and this inspiring series. Come ignite your faith during this Lenten Season!

03|23, 30 THURSDAYS
Lent with the VT Catholic Women's Group
Online • 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Grow with the Vermont Catholic Women's Group on Zoom as we go through the "Holy is His Name" Video study by Dr. Scott Hahn. Join us for one or all meetings. Women of all ages are welcome. Contact Carolina for more details: caro3600@gmail.com.

03|24 FRIDAY
St. Paul's Catholic School — Lenten Fish Fry
St. Paul's Catholic School, Barton • 2:30 - 5 pm
Pre-order week before desired meal. Two pick up times: 2:30-3 pm and 4:30-5 pm. Adults: $15, Children: $10. **FOR MORE INFO: call (802) 525-3711**

03|24 FRIDAYS
St. Peter's Take Out Fish Dinners
St. Peter's Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 - 6:30 pm
Take out fish dinners-serving 5:00-6:30pm (take out). $13/adults $7/children 6-12. For reservations, please call (802) 877-2367.

03|24 FRIDAYS
Community Soup and Bread Supper
St. Catherine of Siena, Shelburne • 5 - 7 pm
Please join us for a meatless soup and bread meal in the parish hall at 5 pm. Afterwards, join us for Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm in the church. Bring a friend.

03|24, 31 FRIDAYS
Stations of the Cross and Meal
St. Mark, Burlington • 6 - 7:30 pm
Stations of the Cross prayer followed by a Lenten meal in the parish center dining room.

03|24 FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross
St. Johnsbury & Danville • 6 - 7 pm
Stations of the Cross are being held at both St. John the Evangelist in St. Johnsbury and Our Lady, Queen of Peace in Danville at 6 pm on Fridays during Lent. Join us as we reflect on the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

03|29, 30 WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
Lenten Retreat — Growing in the Interior Life through the Sacraments
Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Come join Fr. Brandon Schneider for a two-day Lenten Retreat. Wednesday: 5:30 pm Potluck Dinner, followed by inspiring talks, Confessions/Adoration. Thursday: 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross, followed by a provided meal (please bring potluck sides), inspiring talks, and Holy Mass.

04|02 SUNDAY
Eucharistic Healing Service
St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 3 pm
Benediction and Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3 pm on the first Sunday of every month with Fr. Lance Harlow.

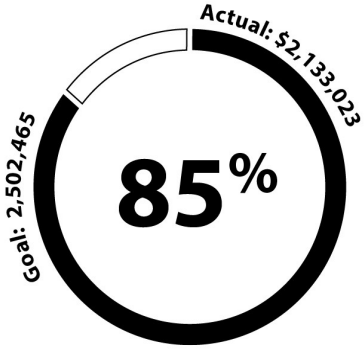
04|03 MONDAY
Bereavement Support Group
St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 5:15 pm
Bereavement Support Group led by Kyle Sipples in the church hall. All are welcome to join this brand new ministry. In order to encourage discussion, these meetings are confidential.

04|04 TUESDAY
Special Holy Week Service
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
7 pm
Persons of all faiths are invited to gather at for a special service titled, "Lord, Let Me Walk That Lonely Road With You: A Service of Scripture and Song for Holy Week." Old and New Testament readings, a splendid and deeply spiritual array of musical selections and powerful images of Christ's Passion and Death will be presented.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

2022 UNITY IN FAITH

To learn more or make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvt.org



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday	**March 20, 2023**
6:45 AM	Andre & Pauline Bouchard *by Tom & Robin McCormick*
8:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Germain and Hebert Families
Tuesday	**March 21**
8:00 AM	Urbain Dupont *by Family*
8:30 to 9:30	**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
5:30 PM	George Fillmann *by Sheila Cort-Desrochers*
Wednesday	**March 22**
6:45 AM	Private Intentions *by a Parishioner*
8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	**March 23**
8:00 AM	Patricia & Ceil Greenwood *by Family*
5:30 PM	Coro Cooney *by K of C #2284*
6 to 7 PM	**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
Friday	**March 24**
6:45 AM	Shawna Stevens *by M/M Edward Maxfield*
8:00 AM	Lucien Turmel *by the Turmel Family*
7:00 PM	**Stations of the Cross**
Saturday	**March 25**
4:00 PM	Victor Fremeau *by Family*
Sunday	**March 26**
7:30 AM	Intentions of Parishioners
9:00 AM	Matthew Esposito *by Family*
11:00 AM	Janet Deforge *by Patty, Gary & Chris Clairmont*

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PARISH SUPPORT

March 12, 2023……..……..$	**6,558.00**
Online Giving (66 Givers)…….$	**2,431.00**
Weekly Average (July1 Week 37)……..…….$	**8,804.00**
Weekly Goal……..$	**8,500.00**

Thank you for your continued support

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Dear Parishioners,

I want to begin by thanking all of you 2,who filled out a St. Francis Xavier Census form .If you were not here or did not get a chance to fill a form out please look for the census form on the tables by the doors.

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Easter Flowers

St. Francis Xavier Parish is again giving parishioners the opportunity to give Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones. Again this year we will be ordering them directly from the grower. We have order forms at all the entrances to the church. Instructions on how to order are on the bottom of the form. **All orders must be received no later than April 2nd.** Your selection will be delivered to the church. If interested please pick up a form.

The Winooski Knights of Columbus

The Winooski Knights of Columbus meet every 2nd Monday of each month at **St. Francis Xavier School** at 7 PM. Any man 18 years of age or older wishing to join the Knights should contact; *Grand Knight Jeffrey Brosseau at 802-233-5530 or email Jeffrey.Brosseau@greenmountain power.com or contact Deputy Grand Knight Greg Bolger at 660-9044 or gbolger@ccnne.com For additional information about the Knights of Columbus visit our web site www.wkofc.org and "like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ Winooskikofc2284*

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Knights of Columbus, Council 2284 will return serving monthly breakfasts on the 3rd Sunday during the upcoming months, **March 19th** . From 8am – 12pm in St. Francis School Gym, cost is $10, includes pancakes – plain & blueberry, scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, coffee & juice.

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"For I was hungry and you gave me food" Matthew 25: 35-40

Our St. Francis Xavier parish community is partnering with the new Winooski Food Shelf to help feed our neighbors in need. This parish is an extremely valuable partner in providing the consistent donations of food to the many people coming for assistance. The WFS is grateful for your sustained commitment of providing donations each week and your generosity continues to serve families in need. There is a strong need right now for toiletries such as shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes and disposable razors. Non-perishable food items for distribution such as cereal, tomato paste, **spaghetti, rice** and canned food are always appreciated. **Collection boxes are placed in the church vestibule and delivered to the Food Shelf each week.**

Your donations may also be dropped off at: Commodities Market on Winooski Falls Way.

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Confirmation Registration

Registration for **2023 Confirmation** is now open. The Diocese of Burlington confers the Sacrament of Confirmation in 6th Grade. Candidates entering this process should already be active participants in our worship community & have completed grade 5 grade of Faith Formation. Registration Forms are available online at stfrancisxavier.vermontcatholic.org.

Gatherings will be on **Sunday evenings** from **4:00 PM – 6:00 PM** with our **first gathering on Sunday, March 19th** The calendar for Confirmation is available on the website.

To access the Registration Form and the Calendar from the St. Francis Xavier homepage, go to the **"Ministries"** tab, then the **"Sacraments"** tab, and then **Confirmation."**

Email Andrew Coulter at acoutler@sfxvt.org or drop it off at the Saint Francis Xavier rectory.

If you have questions or if we can be of further service, please contact Andrew Coulter in the Faith Formation Office at (802) 399 - 0097 or at acoulter@sfxvt.org.

St. Francis Xavier Parish offers Online Giving! Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish. This convenient new system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or make changes. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. Go to www.sfxchurch.org to get started.

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Living the Gospel

Saint Francis Xavier Community will begin to provide **monthly meals** for **Dismas House** in **Winooski**. Dismas House is another chance. A fresh start. Dismas of Winooski provides shelter and support to men making the **difficult transition** from incarceration to new lives. We join the Dismas House community in their **mission of reconciling prisoners to society and society to prisoners. Create a more just, safe, and productive Vermont.**

Dismas House will take place the **4th Thursday** of every month with our first official ministry taking place on **Thursday, April 27**. We will meet at **Dismas House at 5:00 P.M.** to prepare the meal and join the community in fellowship around the table at **6:00 P.M. .**

On **Monday, March 27** - we will provide the meal for Dismas House. We can use two more ministers for this date.

Please contact **Andrew Coulter** at **(802)399-0097** if you have any questions and to sign up for the open spots.

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Radio
IS ON THE AIR! Tune to 105.5 FM
24 hours a day/7 days a week

This is YOUR radio station, so please be an active listener. Our success depends on it! The more people listen, the sooner our communities will hear about it and listen themselves and come back to The Church. So preset your radio dial and find your favorite shows! Visit our website at WRXJ1055.org

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Family Faith Formation Registration for 2022 - 2023:

Registration Forms for the 2022 – 2023 Family Faith Formation Program are now available **in the back** of the Church, through the Faith Formation Office at **acoulter@sfxvt.org**, or by calling **802-399-0097.**

Family Faith Formation is available to all families with any children in 1st – 5th grades.

- Meets on the **3rd Sunday** of each month. Next gathering is on **March 19th**
- Meets from **12:30 PM – 2:30 PM** at Saint Francis Xavier School
- Young people meet with a catechist and their class for about **an hour** during this time
- Parents attend their **own session** while the children are in their sessions
- Siblings in kindergarten and younger can attend **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** during this time
- Faith Formation works in collaboration with parents to assist them in creating **"Faith-filled Families and Hallowed Homes"** and provides resources in support of this collaboration including **FORMED** (Think Catholic Netflix) which supports bringing Catholic Culture into our homes

If you have questions or if we can be of further service, please contact Andrew Coulter in the **Faith Formation Office** at **(802) 399 - 0097** or at **acoulter@sfxvt.org**.

Catechetical Ministers and Aides:

"Thank you for teaching our kids (and us!) for their religious education this year. We all enjoyed the family formation and were inspired and encouraged."

SFX Faith Formation Family

I, Andrew Coulter, want to personally invite you to bring **meaning to lives** of others by entering a journey with our families and young people and sharing the gift of Jesus with them. This ministry **enables you** to grow as **a faith-filled Catholic.** We will provide training, education, support, and guidance to ensure your success and confidence in this endeavor. Please contact Andrew Coulter at **802 – 399 – 0097** or acoulter@sfxvt.org for more information.

TOTUS TUUS is a week-long summer catechetical youth program that combines Catholic religious instruction and having FUN!!!

A team of enthusiastic college-age students is coming to St. John Vianney in South Burlington July 16-21. The day includes songs and skits that are silly but teach the faith, encounters with the sacraments, particularly Confession and Eucharist, and time for games, recess, and cookies. TOTUS TUUS is Monday - Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM for school children going into grades 1-8.

We will also be offering a teen program Sunday-Thursday (time still to be determined). The cost per child is $60 for the day program and $25 for the evening. To register please visit our website at https://stjohnvianney.vermontcatholic.org/religious-education.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Parzyck at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org

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